

Military Training In Education

Even if there were never to be another war in the world; if peace were to settle down forever more; nevertheless military training in some form and degree would be advisable for every boy in the United States.

If one were to choose one element out of modern education, after the three R's, that is most helpful in making a man out of a boy, it would be strict discipline.

Everything in books he can get out of books for himself, if he has learned how to read and how to study.

He can learn any trade on his own momentum.

If he has genius, nothing can defeat it or much handicap it.

But military training is a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline that he can get only in military training. There have been stern and rigid parents in other days who held their children to a code of thinking, acting, and behaving that had something of the same element of stiffening up and holding a child to the stern logic of life and duty; but these easy days have little of that old stern "faith in an idea" left, and Montessori and her kind have softened parents so that this generation of fathers and mothers can do very little, unaided, toward preparing youngsters for the sternest realities.

Military training gives a boy the habit of prompt obedience that helps him to take the worst blows of fate with shoulders squared, head up, eyes to the

front. It makes it a habit with him to understand what is said to him without asking "What?" It gives him precision which is a help in dollars and cents to lawyer, carpenter, merchant, doctor, plumber, scholar, or president.

It gives him a perspective on himself. He knows himself as an obedient unit in a group moving together for some definite purpose; and in politics or any civic or state or national work, as a teacher or wherever he finds himself, this sense of himself as a unit, and of the group moving as one, makes it easier for him to get along and achieve his purpose, and makes it easier for the world to get along with him.

The terse, compact, military terms give him restraint, so that he does not gush or froth over.

Physically he is deeper chested, suppler limbed, stronger of muscle and better in digestion and in sleep, for the exercises that make him soldierly.

He can act more accurately and more quickly, and will be a better looking figure of a man.

For many long dreary months the world has seen the worst of war. Neither side has spared the neutral countries the worst possible pictures of the soldier of the other side. Every element of the brute in man, that war looses, is held up to shock the world. But soldierliness does not make brutes of men. They were so before. Unfortunately the brute in man is not dead yet. War is bloodier and more open faced and prompter in its brutalities, perhaps, than peace, but peace has brutes.

No military training is going to make a decent, clean hearted, intelligent lad bloodthirsty or cruel or lustful; but it will make him ready, accurate, able to take hard knocks, self reliant, and it will increase his mental, physical, and spiritual efficiency.

Six Weeks Ago

The weeks go quickly by, and six have been torn off the calendar since 18 Americans were massacred by Mexican bandits of the Villa party at Santa Ysabel. Almost six weeks have gone by since the American government requested the prompt pursuit, capture, and punishment of the bandits. Almost six weeks have gone by since the Carranza government promised to do all these things.

In that period, nothing has been done by the Mexican government, so far as the public knows, toward rounding up that particular band or visiting punishment upon its members. So far as known, not a single member of the Santa Ysabel band, not a single leader, has been apprehended or punished.

The Washington government has taken no further steps in the matter, so far as the public knows. The tragedy is already forgotten by most Americans, and it looks as if the Washington government were anxious to have it forgotten; certainly the Mexican government is making no effort to satisfy the American government that it is acting in good faith in its promised "pursuit." No further references to the Santa Ysabel massacre are found in the press, with a scattering few exceptions.

It is like the usual procedure when a ship sinks, theaters burn, school buildings collapse, factories destroy their helpless workers—"an inquiry will be ordered."

Rose bushes for 5c apiece and begonia bulbs for 10c, elephant's ears are showing green, and spring is at the door.

Irish Stay In Ireland

Government figures show that the Irish are not leaving Ireland as they used to. Emigration figures have dropped 50 percent. Several thousand Irish left the green island to work in the munition factories in England, but even then the exodus is very small compared with other years.

The war helps to account for the change in figures; but also Ireland under the legislation of the last few years has become a better place to live in, and the Irishman does well to stay at home. What is our loss in England's gain?

The United States owes an immense debt to the emerald isle for citizens who have helped make the United States the grand country it is.

Speaking of censorship and neutrality, the United States government censors at the Sayville wireless station which receives direct radiograms from Berlin, are suppressing German news which even the British censors release for publication in England. We have all heard of the man who was so straight he leaned backwards.

Bombs dropped from airplanes often cut a building in two as clearly as a sharp knife cuts bread or butter. In a recent raid in Paris an apartment house was cut clean in two from roof to basement, leaving many rooms shorn of a wall but not otherwise disturbed. Many people were killed but many sleeping were unhurt.

Short Snatches From Everywhere.

In the matter of banquets Chicago outdoes Louisiana. Springfield Republican.

When some folks say they want a chance they mean they want an advantage.—Los Angeles Tribune.

Apparently Germany is willing to accept a verdict of "Not guilty, but don't do it again."—New York Evening Post.

The forehead kiss is the latest thing in passionate eugenics. More luck for the bald-headed man.—Los Angeles Times.

How would it do to hire a Turk to tell us how to sprinkle the preparedness of Gallipoli over our coast?—Brooklyn Eagle.

There will be general regret if Sweden joins the warring nations—and a lot of the regret will be Sweden's.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It begins to look as if the Canadian contingent would be needed to spring against Canadian contingencies.—Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

What a vast aggregate of important human history has been written in the 18 years since the Maine went down on February 15, 1898.—Providence Journal.

In a good many instances, the man who wants to do something for the poor is actuated by the fact that the poor cast more votes than the rich.—Tupelo Capital.

The practice of sending boys to Annapolis as a political favor leads it appears, to poor scholarship. Nothing surprising about that.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

Dr. Eliot has received a gold medal in recognition of his service to American literature. The founder of the institution plan ought to get something, too.—Detroit Free Press.

Dish-Washing Is A Sad, Penitential Rite Occurs Three Times A Day For Housewife

By HOWARD L. RANN.

DISH-WASHING is a sad, penitential rite which occurs three times a day until death do us part. This includes Sunday, which is a day of rest under our laws, but which calls for the most strenuous and perpetual brand of dish-washing exertion.

No good reason has ever been advanced why dish-washing should always be done by the women, unless it is that they are more nimble than men and change dish-cloths oftener. There is considerable evidence in the sight of a club-fingered husband in a blue kitchen apron, whose wife has been away for a week, engaged in a feverish attempt to scrub the foot-steps of the soft-boiled egg and the blueberry pie from a set of Haviland dishes. Men who are left alone for any length of time usually surround themselves with all of the dishes that have been used since the first of the month and secure enough dish-washing to last them for the remainder of their natural lives.

Dish-washing is caused by human pride and vanity. It is a modern invention, and is wholly unnecessary.



In a feverish attempt to remove the foot-steps of the soft-boiled egg from a set of Haviland dishes.

There was no dish-washing in the Garden of Eden and there is none whatever in Turkey or Mexico. A certain amount of refinement is a good thing, but it can be carried to excess. The man who invented the individual bread plate and the butter-pat struck a deadly blow at the American housewife. Millions of small, slippery butter-pats are being scraped, washed, rinsed, dried and polished three times a day as a result of this cruel innovation, which has bowed an equal number of broken-hearted brides in grease and woe.

At the present time, dish-washing is made more arduous than ever before by the cold-blooded social edict which forbids the guests from stacking their dishes on their plates. One of the most heart-burning epochs in life is when an absent-minded guest carefully stacks 10 or 12 entree dishes on his plate in a tottering heap, and then meets the severe, reproachful gaze of a hostess who is a stickler for etiquette. This has caused many a man to retire from the social arena and allow the odorous moth ball to roost in a new swallow-tailed coat.

The amount of dish-washing perpetrated daily in this country shows to what extent a woman will go for love. —Protected by the Adams Newspaper Service.

ABE MARTIN



Look out for the feller who says money is a secondary consideration. Tipton Bud says that jedgin' by our cafes the brewers 'll be fer woman suffrage before another year.

Stork Beats Old Man With Sythe In El Paso; Steam Heated Apartment For Old Alligator

THERE were never fewer deaths in proportion to population in El Paso than right now," said B. M. Donaldson, registrar of the city health department. "I have watched closely the records for some time and have observed a gradual decrease in the mortality record. Last week our record was 25 deaths. Only once since I have been in office that the births exceeded the deaths and last week was the first time that the stork ran a tie with the old man with the sythe."

"Over in Real county, a county recently carved out of Edwards, Kerr and Bandera counties, they don't know what hard times are," said deputy sheriff James Fulghum. "I recently spent some weeks there hunting, fishing and resting. There is no poverty there. On the other hand all the farmers are in good shape financially and raise plenty of everything to eat. The country is still wild to a certain extent, but there is no outlawry, no stealing of stock or burkularies. A traveler is always welcome at any ranch house and if no one is home he is expected to stop anyway. They live, those Real county people. I found plenty of game. Deer and wild turkey are to be found in the hills, and smaller game abound."

"All Mexicans and other vagrants of

all nationalities should be rounded up and put to work, as they are certainly a danger to the community," said T. J. Boyd. "There is plenty of work for everyone in El Paso. While the amount of building being done, but there is a certain class of Mexicans who refuse to work and make their living by petty thieving. These are the ones that should either be forced to work or sentenced to a number of days in the municipal lock up, where they would learn how to use their hands. All of the thefts reported to the police are directly due to the vagrants."

"Southern California is rapidly recovering from the severe flood that swept that portion of the country several weeks ago and caused great damage," said A. B. Brock. "While the fruit growers in the vicinity of San Diego sustained severe losses they are rapidly repairing their damaged crops. Tourists in that section may also see large numbers of bridge builders at work erecting structures that were demolished by the flood. Large portions of land that was covered by the flood is again above the water line, and residents are experiencing great difficulty in getting rid of hundreds of dead cattle that were drowned."

"In the name of humanity, why doesn't the city run steam pipes into the fountain of San Jacinto plaza and

keep the alligators from freezing," said Frank A. Loftus. "If this had been a colder winter than it has been those poor reptiles would certainly have had a hard time. Poor little things, they look worn out from the winter any way and all the little alligators don't look half as happy as if they were in a Florida swamp."

"No sooner will normal conditions be restored in Mexico," said Fred Leroy Granville, "than a number of the leading studios in Los Angeles will prepare to establish branch studios in Mexico City. It is impossible to have artificial settings of Mexico to measure up to the real settings and the climate and sunshine of Mexico City is ideal for the film industry. The recent storm in California leveled practically all the oil derricks in that state. There was an immediate demand for lumber and on my trip through Oregon and Washington I found every mill running to capacity and a general prosperity very evident. Lumber conditions in the northwest and on the Pacific coast are unusually good and I hope to find similar conditions prevailing in Texas."

"It's an ill wind that blows no one any good," said Otis R. Cook, general manager of the Kelly-Springfield Tire company. "Cleveland, Ohio, where the storm in California leveled practically all the oil derricks in that state. There was an immediate demand for lumber and on my trip through Oregon and Washington I found every mill running to capacity and a general prosperity very evident. Lumber conditions in the northwest and on the Pacific coast are unusually good and I hope to find similar conditions prevailing in Texas."

Letters To The Herald

(All communications must bear the name of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

ABOUT ROSES.

Editor El Paso Herald:

Would some rose grower here in El Paso kindly give me some advice on the following matter:

I find that my rose bushes are covered with what is called green fly aphids. I have been advised to spray them with Paris green. Do you think it would be safe to follow this suggestion?

Also, is it safe to put out pot grown roses now?

I will appreciate all answers and any other advice on rose growing.

A Rose Lover.

(One El Paso rose grower, W. G. Fox, finds that he can successfully fight the green fly or aphid by spraying his roses with a strong spray of water. Two or three sprayings wash off and kill all of the aphids. Paris green might be a good antidote, but it is rather strong for roses. Tobacco leaves soaked in water make a good spray and do not harm the plant. Bordeaux mixture is also recommended. It is a bit too early to put out pot-grown roses as yet. If a freeze does not come, they would be safe. A freeze would damage them. Two weeks from now would be better. After they are put out it is best to shield them for a few days from the hot sun and the wind. Small boxes turned over them during the day when the sun is hottest and at night for a week will properly protect them.—Editor.)

MEXICAN SITUATION.

Editor El Paso Herald:

In my judgment the situation in Mexico is worse than it has been. I am certain that Carranza will never be able to handle it. A country without sense of honor or morality cannot prosper. We have a lawsuit pending in this city today where American publishers of the El Paso Herald are suing the Carranza government for damages. The de facto Carranza government had no right to dispose of them as the hides were captured from the Villa bandits; why didn't the Carranza authorities return those hides to the rightful owners? But such was not the case with them. What if I had a horse stolen and sent the sheriff out to capture the thief and horse, and the sheriff brought the horse in and would not give me my horse? He would say, "Oh, that is my horse, I captured him." Compare the capture of the horse with hides, and you have the same problem in Mexico. It is one thief stealing from another thief.

Mexico has no money and can't borrow any money and so long as she can get no money she cannot reconstruct her industries and give work to her people. Without work they must remain bandits. Until she can meet her foreign obligations she will have no credit. Her present so-called government is an incompetent and dishonest

that no improvement can be expected in her situation. There seems to be no remedy but to Cubatize Mexico. I wish we had a few more senator Falls and a few less Wilsons.

Ben C. Moore.

STATEMENT FROM CONSUL GARCIA.

Editor El Paso Herald:

It has been stated in another local paper that the governor of Chihuahua has ordered the confiscation of all Mexican owned mines which have been caused by Carranza and his followers. Those owning mines in our country, I, as representative of our government, solemnly declare that said statement is entirely false and that all those owning property, Mexicans as well as foreigners, need not fear, for it is not the intention of the authorities to take such steps; nor government as well as each one of us serving it, have the firm resolve of respecting and causing to be respected, all national as well as foreign property, above all the latter, not with the special effort to please, but because we know it is just and that we are obliged by all means in our power, to try to prevent them from suffering inconveniences through the disturbances in our country.

The consulate in my charge has assumed the task of insuring as far as possible, that those who have not mediated in our politics shall not suffer damages, and there are persons and firms that will testify to this, that have been instrumental in them recovering what through the inherent causes of such conditions, they had lost.

Andres Garcia, Mexican Consul.

FIELD CROPS BY IRRIGATION.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 15.

Editor El Paso Herald:

The idea seems to be prevalent that it does not pay to grow the ordinary field crops, such as corn and cotton, by irrigation; and in the irrigated sections of Texas comparatively little has been attempted along this line.

Possibly it will not pay to grow to 10 bushels of corn or a bale of cotton per acre by irrigation; but I have contended for many years, in and out of the newspapers, that it will pay to grow 15 to 100 bushels of corn and a bale and a half to two bales of cotton per acre by irrigation. Can it be done? Under intensive handling of not too many acres, it certainly can be done. For instance, hearing of large cotton yield in the Barstow, Texas section, I wrote to E. L. Balcom, of Pecos, Texas, for name of grower and extent of crop, receiving the following reply:

Pecos, Tex., Feb. 2, 1915.

Mr. E. L. Balcom,

Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry. Co., Fort Worth, Tex.

The farmer to whom you refer is Mr. W. N. Yates of Barstow. I will say that Mr. Yates has made 21 bales of cotton that graded "middling and better"; that on another tract of land the balance of his section in 1915 averaged better than one bale per acre. This was on very ordinary ground and was graded "middling and better." Mr. Yates also thrashed an average of 400 bushels of wheat per acre. He has 100 acres of land this year, and he told me the other day that his farm operation for 1914 would not be better than 1000 cash on 10 acres.

In shipment of 12 bales of cotton made by Mr. H. A. Mythe from Barstow, eleven of these bales were "strict middling" and the other "good middling" and the other "middling" which I am told is about the average of the grades of cotton shipped from here this year. Hoping to see you in this country soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. L. Balcom.

The foregoing should be matter of special interest to the farmer, who is able to do more with a few acres in the way of intensive handling than the extensive irrigation farmer is able to do in larger area.

R. R. Clariage, Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry. Co.

ROBERT E. WEBB, CHARGED WITH "WHITE SLAVERY," HELD

Robert E. Webb, charged with bringing a woman from Denver for alleged immoral purposes, was held on a bond of \$1000 in U. S. commissioner's court Monday morning.

J. Trejo, charged with bringing cocaine into the country, appeared in court but his case was postponed.

MORE Truth Than Poetry

And Still Another!

Incidentally, nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight, nor time's remorseless doom can make Josephus see the light and leave us to our doom!

And No One Got Out an Extra!

"Wilson Consents to Stand for Renomination." Somehow we more than half suspected he might do something of the kind.

One Case Where He Succeeded.

If anybody doubts the efficacy of Mr. Wilson's note writing policy he has only to point out that he used it on Garrison and Garrison quit.

Look Out for a Repeat!

Colonel Roosevelt has gone to Cuba

where he warmed up for the battle that landed him in the white house.

Judged by Administration Standards.

Why talk of Josephus for secretary of war? He cannot know less about the army than he does about the navy.

A Message They Can Understand.

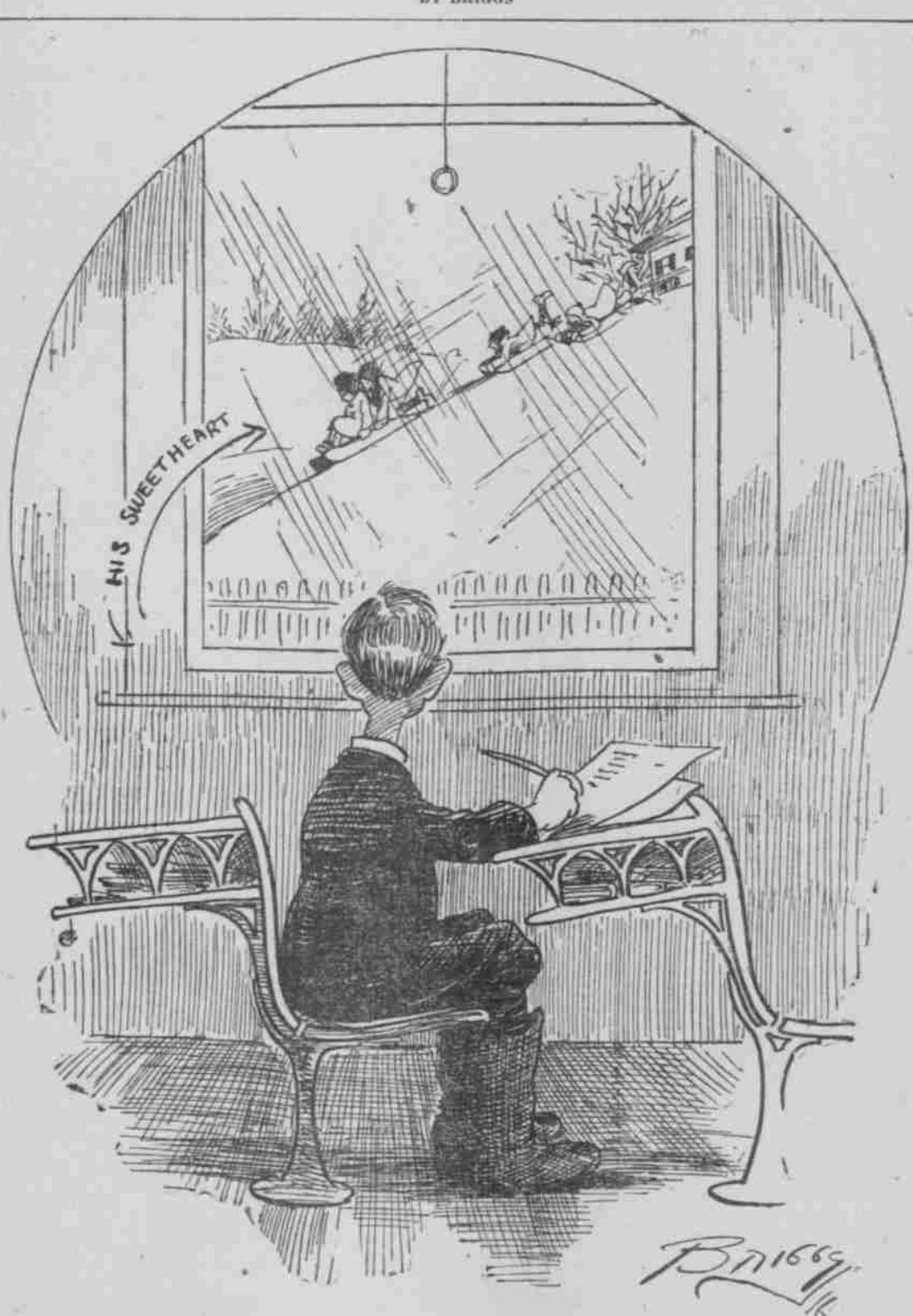
If the Democrats in congress only knew how ill prepared they are for the elections in November they would prepare the country a little better for war.

Out of Place.

Uncle Joe Cannon has confessed his lack of qualifications for membership in the present congress. He says he is for peace, "although being a damned fool about it."

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

BY BRIGGS



OPHELIA



Truth Is Mighty

THE truth is mighty and must prevail; and if you are out for the fame or kale, just paste that motto inside your hat, and let the people know where you're at. Yes, one may profit by low deceit, by handing bunk to the folks he'll meet, by dishing lies when the lying's good, by selling outnags or hams of wood. But when he's rich he will surely find his coin won't buy him a peaceful mind, or gain respect from the mass of men who honestly chase the helpful yen. The truth is ever the one best bet; and the tainted coin that the rascals get, the sharpers' board and the tricksters' gold, will bring them sorrow as they grow old. I'd hate to size up my pile of wealth, and know I got it by lies and stealth, by cheating Thomas and bilking Jake, by advertising some rotten fake. Oh, better far is the hard-earned dime, than the dollar stained by a scoundrel's crime, than the tainted man with his tainted kale—for truth is mighty and must prevail.

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